

## SUNDAY GATHERING // 1.16.22

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New to Seaside? We would love the chance to connect with you! We have a Meet & Greet today in the upper building and we would love to have you join us!
  - Winter Discipleship Class starts a week from Monday! If you consider Seaside your church home and haven't been through this class, this is an important next step. Find all the details and registration @ [seasidechurch.com/discipleshipclass](http://seasidechurch.com/discipleshipclass).
  - Brian Bellinger's Memorial service will be held here at Seaside, Thursday evening @ 7p.
  - Sign up on the clipboard being passed or email [jon@seasidechurch.com](mailto:jon@seasidechurch.com) for one of these Connect Opportunities:
    1. Help with the Ministry House Remodel
    2. Connect with a Community Group
    3. Join a SERVE Team
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### COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### READINGS:

Isaiah 62:1-5 // Psalm 96:1-13  
1 Corinthians 12:1-12 // John 2:1-11

## ACTS: WITNESSES TO KING AND KINGDOM Acts 6:8-8:4 Christianity's Tipping Point

### GROUP DISCUSSION:

Read Acts 6:8-15.

Why did the Jewish leaders oppose Stephen, what were they *really* threatened by? (Consider the opposition Jesus received as well as the Apostles before Stephen)

Do you think we can be tempted to love our own cultural, national, political, ethnic, etc. identity more than God? If so, how and why do you think that is?

Summarize the story of Israel according to Stephen's speech (Acts 7:1-53). What is his point in covering all this content?

Why is losing actually winning in the Kingdom of God?

What do you think was happening in Stephen's heart and mind to be able to say what he did in verse 60? Could you do the same to your enemies?

Read Acts 8:1-4. Why is this the tipping point? What stands out to you here?

### NEXT WEEK [1.23.21]

Worship Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-12 // Psalm 113

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 // Luke 4:14-21